

PRESS RELEASE

RADIO BROADCASTING STATION REQUIREMENTS

(OFFICE OF THE SPTC MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SPTC)

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As per our press statement circulated through the Times of Swaziland dated 2 February 2009, I, the SPTC Managing Director, made an undertaking to the nation that subsequent to disqualification of all radio broadcasting station licence applications, the process will be started afresh.

This statement therefore seeks to:

- a) confirm that the application process is being started afresh and
- b) call all interested sector players to submit new applications for either community - based or commercial radio broadcasting stations.

It is the intention of the Regulator to issue radio broadcasting station licences to not more than four community based radio broadcasting stations from all the four geographical regions (one per region) of the country, it being understood that there shall be one commercial radio broadcasting station that will operate on a national level, at least for the time being.

I expect the process to be completed before the middle of April 2009, this being dependent on the completeness of the information applicants shall provide.

All applications in respect of both categories, as espoused in the foregoing, should be directed to the office of the SPTC Managing Director not later than 16th March 2009. Rules of entry and terms and conditions of the radio broadcasting station licences are enshrined hereunder for ease of reference and are also available at the Regulatory Unit Office, Eveni and through the SPTC Website- www.sptc.co.sz

For further clarification, applicants are advised to contact **Mr. Richard Mabuza** Tel: +268 405 2351 or Cell: +268 606 2002.